

REMARKS

Claims 1,7, and 14 have been amended to better define that which the Applicants consider to be the invention. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,774) in view of the Pagurek et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,550,024). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As will be fully explained below, Chapman in view of Pagurek does not disclose each and every feature of independent claim 1 as amended as required to raise a *prima facie* case of section 103 obviousness against independent claim 1 as amended.

Among the many differences between the claimed inventions and the cited prior art references, claim 1 as amended includes the feature of the control module handling recovery from the detected error in accordance with the application-specific policies for the application. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Chapman nor Pagurek, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests this feature. Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited prior art references do not disclose all of the features of claim 1 as amended. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that the section 103 rejection be withdrawn. Applicants submit that the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

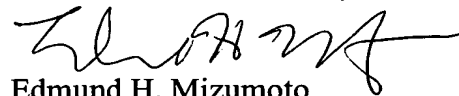
Claims 7-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,774) in view of the Bradshaw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,944). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As will be fully explained below, Chapman in view of Bradshaw does not disclose each and every feature of independent claims

7 and 14 as amended as required to raise a *prima facie* case of section 103 obviousness against independent claims 7 and 14 as amended.

Among the many differences between the claimed inventions and the cited prior art references, the claimed invention of claim 7 as amended includes the feature of the control module handling recovery from the detected error in accordance with the application-specific policies for the application, and the claimed invention of claim 14 includes the control module handling recovery from a reported error in accordance with the application-specific policies for the application. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Chapman nor Bradshaw individually or in combination discloses or suggests these features. Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited prior art references do not disclose all of the features of claims 7 and 14 as amended. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that the section 103 rejection be withdrawn. Applicants submit that the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 7 and 14.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-22, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6900 ext. 6927. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP004).

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